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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/Bioconductor/UniProt.ws>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/Bioconductor/UniProt.ws/issues>

allFromKeys*Mapping identifiers with the UniProt API*

Description

These functions are the main workhorses for mapping identifiers from one database to another. They make use of the latest UniProt API (seen at <https://www.uniprot.org/help/api>).

Usage

```
allFromKeys()

allToKeys(fromName = "UniProtKB_AC-ID")

returnFields()

mapUniProt(
  from = "UniProtKB_AC-ID",
  to = "UniRef90",
  columns = character(0L),
  query,
  verbose = FALSE,
  debug = FALSE,
  paginate = TRUE,
  pageSize = 500L
)

queryUniProt(
  query = character(0L),
  fields = c("accession", "id"),
  collapse = c("OR", "AND"),
  n = Inf,
  pageSize = 25L
)
```

Arguments

fromName	character(1) A from key to use as the basis of mapping to other keys, by default, "UniProtKB_AC-ID".
from	character(1) The identifier type to map from, by default "UniProtKB_AC-ID", short for UniProt accession identifiers. See a list of all 'from' type identifiers with allFromKeys.
to	character(1) The target mapping identifier, by default "UniRef90". It can be any one of those returned by allToKeys from the appropriate fromName argument.

columns, fields	character() Additional information to be retrieved from UniProt service. See a full list of possible input return fields at https://www.uniprot.org/help/return_fields . Example fields include, "accession", "id", "gene_names", "xref_pdb", "xref_hgnc", "sequence", etc.
query	character() or named list() Typically, a string of from= identifiers for ID mapping (mapUniProt). For the uniprotkb/search endpoint (queryUniProt), query can be a string of colon separated key-value pairs (e.g., "organism_id:9606") or a named list of available query fields (queryUniProt). See https://www.uniprot.org/help/query-fields for a list of query fields.
verbose	logical(1) Whether the operations should provide verbose updates (default FALSE).
debug	logical(1) Whether to display the URL API endpoints, for advanced debugging (default FALSE)
paginate	logical(1) Whether to use the pagination API (i.e., "results" vs "stream") in the request responses. For performance, it is set to TRUE by default.
pageSize	integer(1) number of records per page. It corresponds to the size parameter in the API request.
collapse	character(1) A string indicating either "OR" or "AND" for combining query clauses (case-insensitive).
n	numeric(1) Maximum number of rows to return

Details

Note that mapUniProt is used internally by the select method but made available for API queries with finer control. Provide values from the name column in returnFields as the columns input in either mapUniProt or select method.

When using from='Gene_Name', you may restrict the search results to a specific organism by including e.g., taxId=9606 in the query as a named list element. See examples below.

Value

- mapUniProt: A data.frame of returned results
- allToKeys: A sorted character vector of possible "To" keytypes based on the given "From" type
- allFromKeys: A sorted character vector of possible "From" keytypes
- returnFields: A data.frame of entries for the columns input in mapUniProt; see 'name' column

Author(s)

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Examples

```

mapUniProt(
  from="UniProtKB_AC-ID",
  to='RefSeq_Protein',
  query=c('P13368','Q9UM73','P97793','Q17192')
)

mapUniProt(
  from='GeneID', to='UniProtKB', query=c('1','2','3','9','10')
)

mapUniProt(
  from = "UniProtKB_AC-ID",
  to = "UniProtKB",
  columns = c("accession", "id"),
  query = list(organism_id = 10090, ids = c('Q7TPG8', 'P63318'))
)

## restrict 'from = Gene_Name' result to taxId 9606
mapUniProt(
  from = "Gene_Name",
  to = "UniProtKB-Swiss-Prot",
  columns = c("accession", "id"),
  query = list(taxId = 9606, ids = 'TP53')
)

mapUniProt(
  from = "UniProtKB_AC-ID", to = "UniProtKB",
  columns = c("accession", "id", "xref_pdb", "xref_hgnc", "sequence"),
  query = c("P31946", "P62258")
)

## query as character
queryUniProt(
  query = c("accession:A5YMT3", "organism_id:9606"),
  fields = c("accession", "id", "reviewed"),
  collapse = "AND"
)

## query as list
queryUniProt(
  query = list(organism_id = 9606, gene_exact = "A2M"),
  fields = c(
    "id", "accession", "gene_primary",
    "organism_name", "protein_name", "reviewed"
  ),
  collapse = "OR", n = 3, pageSize = 3
)

allToKeys(fromName = "UniRef100")

head(allFromKeys())

```

```
head(returnFields())
```

UniProt.ws-class

UniProt.ws objects and their related methods and functions

Description

UniProt.ws is the base class for interacting with the UniProt web services from Bioconductor.

Usage

```
UniProt.ws(taxId = 9606, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'UniProt.ws'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'UniProt.ws'
taxId(x)

availableUniprotSpecies(pattern = "")

lookupUniprotSpeciesFromTaxId(taxId)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'UniProt.ws'
taxId(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'UniProt.ws'
species(object)
```

Arguments

taxId	numeric(1) a taxonomy identifier
...	other arguments
x, object	a UniProt.ws object.
pattern	character string containing a regular expression (or character string for fixed = TRUE) to be matched in the given character vector. Coerced by as.character to a character string if possible. If a character vector of length 2 or more is supplied, the first element is used with a warning. Missing values are allowed except for regexpr, gregexpr and regexec.
value	numeric(1) the new taxId to set

Details

UniProt.ws is a class that is used to interact with the UniProt web services. It makes use of AnnotationDbi methods similarly to AnnotationDb objects.

The UniProt.ws will be loaded whenever you load the UniProt.ws package. This object will be set up to retrieve information from Homo sapiens by default, but this value can be changed to any of the species supported by UniProt. The species and taxId methods allow users to see what species is currently being accessed, and taxId<- allows them to change this value.

species shows the genus and species label currently attached to the UniProt.ws objects database.

taxId shows the NCBI taxonomy ID currently attached to the AnnotationDb objects database. Using the equivalently names replace method (taxId<-) allows the user to change the taxon ID, and the species represented along with it.

availableUniprotSpecies is a helper function to list out the available Species along with their official taxonomy IDs that are available by UniProt. Because there are so many species represented at UniProt, there is also a pattern argument that can be used to restrict the range of things returned to be only those whose species names match the search term. Please remember when using this argument that the Genus is always capitalized and the species never is.

lookupUniprotSpeciesFromTaxId is another helper that will look up the species of any tax ID that is supported by UniProt.

Value

- species and lookupUniprotSpeciesFromTaxId each return a character vector of possible values
 - taxId returns a numeric value that corresponds to the taxonomy ID
 - availableUniprotSpecies returns a data.frame

Functions

- show(UniProt.ws): Show method for UniProt.ws objects
- taxId(UniProt.ws): Get the taxonomy ID from a UniProt.ws object
- taxId(UniProt.ws) <- value: Set or change the taxonomy ID for a UniProt.ws object
- species(UniProt.ws): Get the species name from a UniProt.ws object

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See Also

[UniProt.ws-methods](#)

Examples

```
## Make a UniProt.ws object
up <- UniProt.ws(taxId=9606)

## look at the object
up

## get the current species
species(up)

## look up available species with their tax ids
availableUniprotSpecies("musculus")

## get the current taxId
taxId(up)

## look up the species that goes with a tax id
lookupUniprotSpeciesFromTaxId(9606)

## set the taxId to something else
taxId(up) <- 10090
up
```

UniProt.ws-methods

UniProt.ws methods from AnnotationDbi

Description

Various methods from AnnotationDbi such as select, columns, keys, keytypes, and species are made available for UniProt.ws objects.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'UniProt.ws'
keytypes(x)

## S4 method for signature 'UniProt.ws'
columns(x)

## S4 method for signature 'UniProt.ws'
keys(x, keytype)

## S4 method for signature 'UniProt.ws'
select(x, keys, columns, keytype, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a <code>UniProt.ws</code> object.
<code>keytype</code>	<code>character(1)</code> The keytype that matches the keys used. For the <code>select</code> methods, this is used to indicate the kind of ID being used with the <code>keys</code> argument. For the <code>keys</code> method this is used to indicate which kind of keys are desired from keys
<code>keys</code>	<code>character()</code> the keys to select records for from the database. All possible keys are returned by using the <code>keys</code> method.
<code>columns</code>	<code>character()</code> The columns or kinds of things that can be retrieved from the database. As with <code>keys</code> , all possible columns are returned by using the <code>columns</code> method.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to lower level functions, mainly used for the <code>to</code> input to <code>mapUniProt</code> .

Details

In much the same way as an `AnnotationDb` object allows access to select for many other annotation packages, `UniProt.ws` is meant to allow usage of `select` methods and other supporting methods to enable the easy extraction of data from the UniProt web services.

`select`, `columns` and `keys` are used together to extract data via an `UniProt.ws` object.

`columns` shows which kinds of data can be returned for the `UniProt.ws` object.

`keytypes` allows the user to discover which keytypes can be passed in to `select` or `keys` via the `keytype` argument.

`keys` returns keys for the database contained in the `UniProt.ws` object. By default it will return the primary keys for the database, which are UniProtKB keys, but if used with the `keytype` argument, it will return the keys from that keytype.

`select` will retrieve the data as a `data.frame` based on parameters for selected keys and columns and `keytype` arguments.

Value

- `keys, columns, keytypes`, return a character vector of possible values
 - `select` returns a `data.frame`

Functions

- `keytypes(UniProt.ws)`: Get keytypes for a `UniProt.ws` object
- `columns(UniProt.ws)`:
- `keys(UniProt.ws)`: Get keys for a `UniProt.ws` object
- `select(UniProt.ws)`: Select columns from keys

See Also

[UniProt.ws](#)

Examples

```
## Make a UniProt.ws object
up <- UniProt.ws(taxId=9606)

## list the possible key types
head(keytypes(up))

## list of possible columns
head(columns(up))

## list all possible keys of type entrez gene ID
egs <- keys(up, "GeneID")

## use select to extract some data
res <- select(
  x = up,
  keys = c("22627", "22629"),
  columns = c("xref_pdb", "xref_hgnc", "sequence"),
  keytype = "GeneID"
)
res

univals <- c("A0A0C5B5G6", "A0A1B0GTW7", "A0JNW5", "A0JP26", "A0PK11")
res <- select(
  x = up,
  keys = univals,
  to = "Ensembl"
)
res
```

utilities

Translate UniProt taxon names to scientific names, taxids, or domain codes

Description

UniProt uses custom coding of organism names from which protein sequences they store. These taxon names are used also in the protein names (not in the UniProt IDs!). These functions help to translate those names to standard scientific (Latin) taxon names and other useful identifiers.

- `taxname2species()`: converts UniProt taxonomy names to scientific species names
- `taxname2taxid()`: converts UniProt taxonomy names to NCBI Taxonomy IDs
- `taxname2domain()`: converts UniProt taxonomy names to the following taxonomical domains:
 - 'A' for archaea (=archaeobacteria)
 - 'B' for bacteria (=prokaryota or eubacteria)
 - 'E' for eukaryota (=eukarya)
 - 'V' for viruses and phages (=viridae)
 - 'O' for others (such as artificial sequences)

Usage

```
taxname2species(taxname, specfile)
```

```
taxname2taxid(taxname, specfile)
```

```
taxname2domain(taxname, specfile)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|----------|---|
| taxname | Character string up to 6 uppercase characters, like HUMAN, MOUSE, or AERPX. Also works for a vector of such taxon names. |
| specfile | An optional local file where speclist.RData is saved from UniProt.org. When specfile is missing, a cached file from the extdata/ package directory is used. |

Value

- taxname2species: a character vector of scientific taxon names matching to the UniProt taxon names supplied as taxname.
 - taxname2taxid: a numeric vector of Taxonomy IDs matching to the UniProt taxon names supplied as taxname.
 - taxname2domain: a character vector of one letter domain symbols matching to the UniProt taxon names supplied as taxname.

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See Also

[UniProt controlled vocabulary of species](#), which defines the taxon names.

Examples

```
taxname2species("PIG")
taxname2species(c("PIG", "HUMAN", "TRIHA"))
```

```
taxname2taxid("PIG")
taxname2taxid(c("PIG", "HUMAN", "TRIHA"))
```

```
taxname2domain("PIG")
taxname2domain(c("PIG", "HUMAN", "TRIHA"))
```

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